

I am writing in support of XM radio and the importance of promoting satellite radio as an alternative to traditional am and fm radio. I urge the FCC to reject the National Association of Broadcaster's petition 04-160. I live in a rural area with absolutely awful radio. Satellite radio provides a much needed alternative to standard radio. I support the expansion of satellite radio so that this relatively new radio alternative can be competitive with other forms of radio across the country. I support XM radio in their provision of Traffic and Weather reports across the country.

In rural upstate New York, with its' rolling hills and low population density, the traditional radio reception is terrible, in part due to the landscape. Also because there isn't much of a listening audience, there is almost no variety in the radio stations broadcasting in my area. At some times of the day, I can choose to listen to Rush Limbaugh on almost every channel. XM radio offers me a wide range of music and news stations to listen to. Here in rural America I am frequently on the road with long driving times - and XM makes my driving tolerable. I no longer have to continuously re-tune my radio to get stations as they fade in and out.

In summary, I support satellite radio and in particular XM radio. I support XM radio's variety of content and the importance of this variety in building a listening base to remain a viable alternative to traditonal radio. I support the provision of traffic and weather reports by XM radio. I urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160. I GLADLY PAY a monthly fee to receive satellite radio and I should be able to get whatever content I find interesting or useful without regard for what the National Association of Broadcasters thinks of this.

Thank you for considering my interests and wishes as you deliberate on this issue.